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Judith:

Please see the attached letter from Senator Gillibrand. I received this letter via Certified Mail at my home address.

I am somewhat troubled at the view expressed that the CDC "has not yet determined what specific level of PFOA in a person's blood might result in adverse health effects." As you know, the CDC has not been the driving force in developing the science as to PFOA health effects. Further, the issue is not what PFOA blood levels cause health effects.

PFOA levels in blood are an indicator of exposure that has already occurred. The significance of those blood levels are necessarily dependent upon a variety of factors including the length of time in which exposure occurred and the time that has elapsed since the end of significant exposure. Obviously, the real issue is what can be done to minimize exposure and mitigate exposure once it has occurred. That is why the key issue is establishing strict and enforceable standards for PFOA in water.

Last evening, I attended a public meeting in Petersburg. The attendees from both NYS DOH and EPA argued that the 70 PPT value for PFOA in drinking was more than adequate to protect public health. As we have discussed, for a variety of reasons the 70 PPT appears to be much too high. In this regard, the Environmental Working Group (EWG) has proposed that PFOA in water should be less than 1 PPT. Moreover, for a population that has been highly exposed (such as Petersburg), it makes no sense to even suggest that the 70 PPT value has any applicability.

When you have a chance, please give me a call so we can discuss these matters.

Thanks.

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